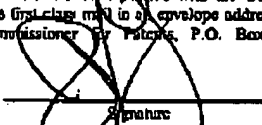


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Applicant: **Banning et al.** § Group Art Unit: **2131**
Serial No.: **09/998402** § Examiner: **Henning**
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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED JANUARY 24, 2005

MAIL STOP AMENDMENT
Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

In response to the office action dated January 24, 2005 (the "Office Action"), please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.

A petition extending the period for response is submitted herewith. No fee is submitted for the newly added claims because the number of pending claims after amendment (21) does not exceed the number of claims paid for (21) when the Application was filed and the number of independent claims after amendment (3) does not exceed the number of independent claims paid for (3) when the case was filed.